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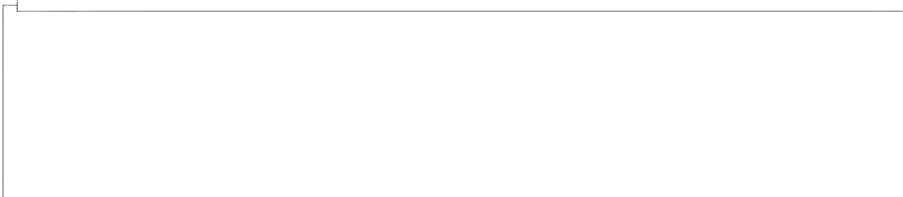
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1. Vietnam



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In South Vietnam, the critical attitude of Buddhist leader Tri Quang toward the government appears to be hardening. While he does not appear to US Embassy observers to be committed to any particular course of action, he is saying that "sooner or later the government will have to go."

2. Greece

There have been some defections from the Papandreou camp, but the chances are dim that the Athanasiadis-Novas government can long survive.

Papandreou still commands broad support and he clearly intends to make the future of the monarchy a leading element of new elections, should it come to that.

The King, who has returned to Corfu for the week end, would probably prefer to let former deputy premier Stephanopolous try to form a government before calling for elections, which no one, except perhaps Papandreou, wants.

Public gatherings have been banned in Athens, and two battalions of reinforcements have been sent in. The government's security arrangements may be severely tested tonight when leftwingers plan a big rally.

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3. USSR

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The 27,000-pound satellite--Proton-1--launched yesterday may have been the first to use the large new booster we have seen in satellite photography. Proton-1 has been tracked back to the complex at Tyuratam, where satellite photography has shown more than usual activity for the past few months. In May, a 205-foot gantry was in place at one of the launch pads at the complex. A large booster was being assembled at the gantry.

The booster appeared to have a cluster of seven rockets. Early analysis of yesterday's big launch indicates that a clustered booster was used.

5. France

Press services in Paris are disseminating a report that a US aircraft was intercepted over the important gaseous diffusion plant at Pierrelatte by French fighters. A French inquiry has been opened into this "unprecedented" incident.

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